

BASEBALL Johnson, Nationals' Pitcher, Pitches a Shut-out Contest. BOXING Tom O'Rourke Predicts Jeffries Will Come Back. RACING English Turfmen Again Welcome Yankee Talent.

WASHINGTON AGAIN BLANKS HOUSTON

Walter Johnson Strikes Out Fourteen Men.

LOU CRIGER BEHIND THE BAT

Pays Team a Visit and Catches First Five Innings—Jim Johnson Reports in Pulling Off Fielding Stunt—Both Clubs Have Off Day at the Bat—Few Effects of Playing.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Houston, Tex., March 7.—Washington turned the trick on Houston again today, and again it was 1 to 0.

Walter Johnson pitched for Washington, and that was about all there was to the game. He fanned fourteen men, and could have done better had there been any reason for exerting himself.

He had all his midseason speed, but only once cut loose with all his might. That one effort went wild and missed the Houston batter by a hair's breadth. Had it hit him it would have broken his leg.

Johnson used few or no curves, relying entirely upon his speed and control. He hit two men and passed one, but when a man reached first he began to speed up just a little bit more, and it was all off with Houston's hopes.

Criger Behind Bat.

Lou Criger, of the Browns, arrived in Houston today, and as he needed a work-out he caught the first five innings for Washington. He was succeeded by Bill Rapp, and Bill only once failed to negotiate Johnson's delivery.

All of the men were even more sore than they were yesterday, and exerted themselves as little as possible. They were not "lying down," but simply would not undergo any unnecessary aches. If they had been forced they could have scored three or four more runs.

The fielding sensation was again provided by Jim Johnson, who killed a three-bagger by a great running catch in the fifth inning. Another star hit was furnished by Miller, who grabbed a high fly out of the young gale that was blowing across the grounds, and kept Houston from scoring in the seventh inning.

As was the case yesterday, Ungaub, McBride, and Blankenship were so full of pains that they deliberately eased up on long-reach propositions, and it was hard to tell how good they could have played. With systematic training and rubbing they should begin to recover by Tuesday or Wednesday and be in condition to cut down the scores when they go against Jack Warner's Galveston team next Saturday and Sunday.

Little Hitting Done.

Ungaub opened at the sixth inning for Washington to-day with a normal single to right. He was promptly forced by Clymer, who took second on a passed ball. Blankenship singled to right and Clymer went home. Blankenship taking second on the throw, Jim Johnson filed to Rapp, Rapp smashed to short, who juggled the ball in a manner most amazing. Thinking that everybody was watching Short, Blankenship tried to steal home by the simple expedient of cutting about forty feet off third base. He was not seen by the umpire, but Mowry caught him with the goods and the ump, took Mowry's word for it.

The Washington squad returned to Galveston to-night and will remain there until March 12. The score:

WASHINGTON.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Miller, cf.	0	0	1	0	0	0
McBride, ss.	0	0	2	0	0	0
Ungaub, 1b.	0	1	10	0	0	0
Clymer, rf.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Blankenship, 2b.	0	2	0	0	0	0
Johnson, p.	0	0	14	0	0	0
Criger, c.	0	0	16	4	0	0
Rapp, 3b.	0	1	5	2	0	0
McBride, 2b.	0	0	1	0	0	0
W. Johnson, p.	0	0	1	0	3	0
Totals.	1	7	27	11	0	0

HOUSTON.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Short, 2b.	0	0	7	5	3	0
Mitchell, cf.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mowry, 1b.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Newman, lb.	0	0	6	0	0	0
Bell, ss.	0	1	4	4	2	0
Goddard, 2b.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brown, cf.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gordon, c.	0	0	3	1	0	0
McBride, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barenkamp, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.	0	2	27	12	5	0

First base by errors—Washington, 5. Left on bases—Washington, 7; Houston, 2. First base on balls—Johnson, 1. Off Stewart, 1; off Johnson, 14; off Barenkamp, 3; off Stewart, 3. Two-base hits—Rapp, 2; off Johnson, 1; off Barenkamp, 1. Double play—Bell to Short to Newman. By pitcher—Johnson, 2. Passed balls—Rapp, 1. White, 1. Umpire—Mr. Spencer. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes. Attendance, 1,860.

WILL IMPROVE TRACK.

Georgetown Running Course to Be Thoroughly Overhauled.

Within the next few weeks a corps of workmen will start to overhaul the Georgetown running track which encircles the "variety athletic field." The stretch is at the present time in very poor condition, little having been done to it in the past few years.

An overgrowth of dead weeds and many rocks make it useless, and it will be necessary to drag, scrape, and roll the ground in order to get it in condition for spring training.

After the track is properly improved, a new measurement will be taken to verify the length of the course. There has been some dispute as to the exact length of course, and the athletic authorities wish to settle the question once and for all time.

The track formerly had the reputation of being one of the fastest in this part of the country. Duffey, Wefers, Mulligan, and many other star stars received their first instructions on this track. This season Manager Corcoran intends to hold several meets on the track, which he expects to restore to its old-time condition.

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WALKER BEATS PISTOL.

African Sprinter Is Wonder at the Starting Marks.

The ability to start quickly and beat the pistol is said to be responsible for many victories of R. E. Walker, the fleet South African runner who won the 100-meter dash at the Olympic games last summer.

Americans have never been satisfied with the result of that race, as it was thought that Rector, the University of Virginia flyer, would surely win, and it was with the keenest delight that the sporting world heard the recent news that Walker, Rector, and Kerr, the Canadian champion, will probably engage in a touch race on Travers Island, N. Y., on June 12.

This ability to get a quick start has characterized most of the sprint champions, a notable exception being Cartmell, the former University of Pennsylvania crack, who was slow in getting his stride, but a veritable whirlwind when once under way.

SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY

And the smell of peanuts again pervades the air.

Latest dispatches from the Prince George County Baseball League state that the magnates there have put in a big squall against Washington amateurs playing in that organization.

When a competition of the nature of that three-cornered relay race between Yale, Penn, and Cornell is on card, as was the case at the Georgetown games last Saturday evening, the admission price is justified.

Just when is Jimmy Mulligan a box office scout? We noticed that he witnessed the Georgetown games last Saturday with an air of utmost composure. Not so on several occasions.

Various complaints on the height of the bar at the Georgetown games were registered by our old friend Tom Kirby, and other prohibitionists.

The three Carlisle entries in the three-mile run at the Georgetown games after some great effort finally managed to hang the Indian sign on Johnny Gallagher, the crack Brown Prep School distance runner.

Law will find you out. It also barred two members of the Georgetown relay team from the competition with Virginia Saturday.

Johnson and Criger as a battery. Guess that's bad.

Ray Brennan's objection to several phases of the inaugural ceremonies promises a greatly altered celebration when the next President comes in.

As we go to press a hot shot comes in saying Knockey will begin outdoor work some time this week. Now that both Knockey and Johnson are in harness again the fans may breathe a little easier.

Despite the fact that the Georgetown games proved the best that have been pulled off here this season, the old eyecore of having the center of the ball covered with unnecessary personages was again very much in evidence.

We are still suffering with those Jeffries press notices. This time it's the Gotham fans that are sitting up nights and figuring.

BASEBALL NOTES AND COMMENT

"Jack" Dunn says that McGraw has in O'Connell the type of an outfielder that the New York manager likes.

Players of the Detroit club left last night for San Antonio, Tex. They will remain there for three weeks, and return North by early stages.

Eight members of the Cleveland baseball club left that city Saturday for Mobile, Ala., where they will join those who went South earlier. The squad is headed by Manager Lajoie, and arrived at Mobile last night.

Hugh Jennings, manager; Harry Tut-till, trainer, and eight players of the Detroit American League baseball team left Detroit Saturday evening for San Antonio, Tex., where they will arrive for spring practice Monday night.

Every time that it is suggested a new player may be with the Giants this year some one of the Chicago players ventures the prediction that McGraw is tearing his nine to pieces. Apparently the Chicago players are watching every movement that McGraw makes as a cat watches a mouse.

On the first day that the Philadelphia National League players arrived in the South they were without hats and uniforms because their trunks had gone astray. They were determined to have some exercise, so they played golf, although none of them knew anything about the game.

George B. Dovey, owner of the Boston National League club, with some of his players, was in New York yesterday on his way to Augusta, Ga., where the Boston will train. He said that Bowerman started South on Friday night, and would meet the players in Cincinnati and depart with them Saturday night for training quarters.

Eastern League teams are becoming more like the big fellows in their habits. The Newark will train at Millersville, Pa.; Buffalo at Joplin, Mo.; Rochester at Lexington, Va.; Montreal at Asbury Park, Toronto at Chatham, Ontario, while Baltimore, Jersey City, and Providence will remain home and help to fight the frost out of the ground.

Play Return Match.

The Holy Name basketball team leaves this evening over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac line for Fredericksburg, Va., where they will tackle the strong Fredericksburg College squad. The Washington team has lost two close games to the collegians this season, and will take a strong team along this time in an effort to make up for past performances.

White Is Confident.

New York, March 7.—Jabez White, who still insists that he is the light-weight champion of England, received a score of visitors at his training quarters at Woodlawn, to-day. He says he is in perfect condition and confident of beating Joe Gans at the National Athletic Club next Friday night.

Crack Players Barred.

Durham, N. C., March 7.—The Trinity baseball fans are deeply distressed over the ruling of the Southern Intercollegiate Association which has put off Armfield, first baseman, and Bivins, left fielder,

PREPARE FOR SEASON

Prince George County Mag-nates Meet This Week.

LEAGUE IS MUCH STRONGER

Four Teams in Line and Two Apply for Admittance—Laurel, Berwyn, Hyattsville, and Brentwood Registered—All Games Will Be Played at Hyattsville—Brentwood Is Strong.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hyattsville, Md., March 7.—The Suburban Baseball League of Prince George County will be organized at a meeting to be held Wednesday evening in the office of the Hyattsville Independent. Four teams are certain to enter the league—Laurel, Berwyn, Hyattsville, and Brentwood—with Riverdale and Langdon as possibilities.

The plans for the season are somewhat crude, but it is understood that all games will be played in Hyattsville, and that an effort will be made to inclose the grounds, admitted to be the best in the county. Hyattsville is accessible to all the teams, and about the central point between Langdon and Laurel.

Brentwood Is Strong.

George E. Cornell, manager of the Brentwood team of the Capital City League, of Washington, has expressed his willingness to become the pilot of the Brentwood team in the organization. W. H. Vanneman, who played third base for the champion Brentwood nine season before last, will probably be the active manager of the new team.

The Laurel team will again be managed by George M. Bond, one of the most popular magnates in Prince George County. Bond was a member of the Maryland legislature last year, and organized a team of lawmakers that captured several scraps in and about Annapolis. Big Cy Cummings, of Montgomery County, was a valuable member of the team.

Manager Bond is enthusiastic over the prospects for a fine baseball season in Prince George County, and feels certain of giving the Midway City a team that will be right up with the leaders at the wind-up. His star pitcher, Dick Fulton, should be the real thing this year.

For the past two years, Dick has been improving, and toward the latter part of last season had mastered the "splitter." He is also a good batter, and several of Laurel's victories last season being directly attributed to his vicious swats at opportune moments.

Wilson to Manage.

J. N. Wilson, of Berwyn, has expressed a willingness to take up the managerial reins once more, and is anxious to get his team together and begin work as soon as possible. He claims to have a star player in "Duck" McGregor, who last year was the mainstay on the firing line for a semi-professional team in Oakland, Calif.

McGregor has been coming fast for several years, and this year should be at his best. He has wonderful speed, a fine break ball, and the head of a veteran. "Andy" Green will again be found behind the bat, and good batter, several of McGregor's benders for several years, Berwyn will be well fortified in this position.

Hyattsville will be managed by O. N. Burke, one of the best posted men on the national game in these parts. He played semi-professional ball several years ago, and will probably don a uniform for the purpose of giving the youngsters some value in coming fast.

For the outfield, George Leakin, Kenneth Brooks, Donald MacNeill, and Jim McFarland are candidates.

On the whole, it appears that all four of these teams are about evenly matched, and should furnish some excellent sport for the suburban fans.

McFarland and Cross Sign.

New York, March 7.—Packer McFarland and Leach Cross have signed articles for a ten-round bout, to be decided at the Fairmount Athletic Club on March 23.

NEW PLAYER REPORTS.

Pitcher Ford, of Southern League, Joins Yankees' Training Camp.

Macon, Ga., March 7.—The name of R. W. Ford, of Minneapolis, Minn., appeared on the hotel register here this morning, and meant another ballplayer reporting to Manager Stallings.

For a pitcher who was corralled from the Atlanta club, of the Southern League, and is considered a master of the spit ball. There are now twenty-six players in the New York training camp, and the roster is not yet complete. There will be some wholesale weeding out when the time comes, for should every man on Stallings' list prove a star, there would not be room for all of them.

Although there was no practice to-day, most of the day was spent out of doors, for it was like midsummer.

CENTRAL ATHLETES ENTERED

Will Compete in Fifth Regiment Games in Baltimore Saturday.

Classy Bunch Should Make Strong Bid for Trophy Cup at Big Meet.

Encouraged by their excellent showing in the Georgetown University games last Saturday evening, several members of the Central High School track team sent in their entry blanks this morning for the Fifth Regiment games which will be held in Baltimore next Saturday evening.

The party probably will be made up of Capt. Cheney, Kelley, Zeh, Dewey, R. Lancaster, G. Lancaster, and Cullom. This formidable bunch of athletes should make a strong bid for the silver cup offered the winner of the greatest number of points. Three of the men were point winners in the Georgetown games, Cullom and Dewey winning places in the place in the scholastic quarter mile. According to Coach Foley, the athletes are now at their best, and have displayed great form in the daily trials.

A team composed of Dewey, G. Lancaster, and Zeh entered the Johns Hopkins games held in Baltimore earlier in the season and came within an ace of carrying away the point trophy. The University of Virginia won the cup over the Washington High School, with a total of 12 points against 10 credited to Central. The members of this team feel confident that with one or two extra men they would easily have won the meet, and with this in mind have succeeded in inducing several of their teammates to accompany them on the next trip.

The squad probably will be considerably strengthened the latter part of the week. Several athletes have expressed themselves as probable entrants. Rollins, a member of the Georgetown team, captured the Southern scholastic title of the South, and Richmond, Bryant, who finished second to McGee, of Princeton University, in the 1,500-meter run, are among the possibilities.

FULTZ GIVES ADVICE.

Former Yankee Ball Player Lectures to Y. M. C. A. Youngsters.

Yesterday afternoon, in the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A., an audience, composed for the greater part of athletically inclined youngsters, listened to an interesting talk by "Dave" Fultz, former member of the New York American League baseball team, but now an urgent worker for the American Y. M. C. A.

The speaker dwelt at some length on the advisability of "clean" sports, which, he declared, should be the first thought that enters the mind of an aspiring young athlete. He enumerated the effects of bad habits, and directed the boys principally against cigarette smoking and drinking, which he declared has been the ruin of many budding athletes.

The boys were very enthusiastic over the words of the popular athlete, and at the conclusion of his speech gave vent to their appreciation with a round of applause.

DRISCOLL MEETS NEIL.

Crack Bantams Clash for Ten Rounds to-morrow.

New York, March 7.—Gotham fans are much interested in the ten-round bout between Patsy (Boyo) Driscoll, who says he is Ireland's champion bantam, and Frankie Neil, slated for Tuesday night. These boys met in a slashing mill at this club three weeks ago, the result causing a wide difference of opinion. In the sixth round Neil had Driscoll practically out, but the latter was saved by the gong. After that Driscoll hammered Neil all over the ring.

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TURFSTARS WELCOME

English Enthuse Over Class of American Stables.

COMMENT ON OUR ENTRIES

King and British Trainers Pay Glowing Compliments to Whitney, Keene, Croker, Vanderbilt, and Belmont Strikers—Horses from This Side Expected to Take Rich Prizes.

The friction which the Olympic sports in England produced is now almost entirely forgotten, as far as Englishmen are concerned, and they are at the moment discussing the prospects of the American invasion in horse racing. When a couple of years ago, American sportsmen like W. C. Whitney, J. R. Keene, and Richard Croker, drew their support from the English turf on the grounds that they were not fairly treated, and American jockeys supported them in their contention, English sportsmen commenced to feel that there was something that required consideration. The grievances that then existed are now removed and the English sporting public welcomes the appearance of the American colors again on the racing tracks.

This year's racing will find America well represented, as Croker, Keene, Belmont, and Vanderbilt are all "in the running." These names are already familiar to English race-goers, but the name of Carroll is new to the most of them.

On the occasion of every big racing event now, the question on every one's lips is: "What have the Americans up their sleeves?" There appears to be a desperate dread of the American contingent producing something of a sensational character. Last year it was feared that August Belmont was going to annex the Derby to follow on the success of Croker the previous year.

Will Enter Collin.

This year J. R. Keene is suspected of having designs on some of the classic races with Collin, an American-bred horse. This animal is stable with Sam Darling at Beekhampton, one of the leading trainers in England. Speaking of the chances of this horse, and the prospects of American owners generally, Mr. Darling, on being interviewed, said:

"In Collin I feel I have one of the finest thoroughbreds that the English turf has ever seen, and I shall not be surprised to find him placing many of the classic events to the credit of America. I regard the American racing invasion as a most useful and welcome stimulant to English sport, and as far as I know there has never been any desire on the part of Englishmen to place any obstacle in the way of the American owners who have from time to time come here to patronize us. I have at the moment all J. R. Keene's horses in England under my control, and I hope to show that the American sporting world generally what an Anglo-American combination can do."

Another man who is immensely interested in and pleased with the American "invasion" is Richard Marsh, who, as the King's trainer, is one of the most prominent personalities in the English racing world. "How can it be regarded otherwise," he says, "than a happy event of the entire cordial that must always exist between an Englishman and the United States? It will stimulate a spirit of fraternity that is essential and desirable between two great English-speaking nations. American sportsmen are in my view the most desirable acquaintances an Englishman can make. They are clean and upright in all their transactions, and if they are able to breed animals to win our classic races, why should an English sportsman complain?"

It is this line of talk that seems to pervade the entire sporting community here at the present moment. The restrictions placed on gambling, especially in regard to horse racing, here was practically accepted as a death blow to racing, but the appearance of the American element on the scene has put new life into the sport, and now it looks more vigorous than it has for years. With Belmont and Vanderbilt's horses at Newmarket and Carroll and Keene at Beekhampton, and Croker waiting from his well-equipped stables in Ireland, American racing interests on the English turf have never been so wisely or industriously represented as at the moment.

In most of the leading events of the present season, which commences on March 23 at Lincoln.

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